Bath. Dec. 12. 1853.

Dear Miss Weston,

This is the end of a long stupid letter I was going to send you by this post, but as my Father does not like it to go without his share being included, & as he has not been able, in consequence of being beset with people busy to finish it, I just forward these business lines by you & shall hear further as soon as we can manage it.

Pray send Mr Jas Grant (of The Ill. Advertiser) a stylish Liberty Belle with a few lines of flattering gratitude from yourself.

List of names to whom it would be advisable to inscribe Liberty Bells.

Mrs Alfred Thomas
Miss Percival
The pupils at the Bristol Blind Asylum.
Mrs & Miss Tribe.
Mr Tothill
Mrs Ellis
Miss Edwards
Mrs Herbert Thomas.
Rev. Edwin Chapman.
Mrs Gen.l Dighton
The Miss Brights

Mrs & The Misses Parkes
Mrs Charles Thomas
Mrs & The Misses Waterman
Mrs & The Misses Stephens.
Mrs G. H. Ames & Miss Ames.
Mrs Howde - Frenchay
Mrs Means - Chatham.

According to your desire I have written a set of names as recipients of Liberty Bells, without knowing how many you will have to bestow on our locality, but if you take them in their order as far as the appointed clock will go it will do very well. I have been guided by motives of policy - that lively anticipation of future benefits which is said to be the definition of negro gratitude. Perhaps I may have left out some generous contributors to this year's box, but if so Mrs H. Thomas is pretty sure to have supplied the omission in her communications to Mr Mann. Of course one for a family was all I intended when there is a plural.

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ight cause you to miscalculate the amount of
d that will result to the cause from this b
its behalf here, & to compare them with the influ
ence exerted in America. We have been amused at
thers giving us this warning, under the impression
hat we were likely to be in need of it. Miss Pease's
rsonal feelings we know are peculiarly in sympa
oolred) spoke very strongly, & Miss Martineau
nused us by inquiring (just as I had been det
o each other our ineffectual struggles to attain
ch of enthusiasm) "whether we could see Mr. T.
Chapman's eyes," saying "in confidence" "that he
had "tried her best but could not quite manage"

But if you have had patience to read as far as this
you must have concluded that I am deliberately
hunting out all the topics on which I could descant
in such a way as to render my letter as unpalatable
s possible, & have breathed a hope that it may be
the last with which you are to be afflicted. So I will
cut it short, & if you will try me once more I will en-
deavour to retrieve my character, for really the hypo
nsthetic predominates over the antagonistic element
in th appearances notwithstanding.

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Own suggestions for the Bazaar Gazette are briefly to tell as much of your own merits as possible, to give people an idea of what the Am. A. S. Soc.y is, has been, what it has done & is doing, with any particulars of ramifications & instrumentalities, & without seeming to disparage or condemn other people you can bring out the catholicity & comprehensiveness of its platform & the fidelity with which its original constitution has been adhered to, so as to imply that there could be no valid ground for deserting it, I think it would cast a flood of light over the land; & the fact of the reporter's blazoning forth the doings (or mis doings) of the imaginary Am. & Foreign Soc.y, & filling its columns with the Resolutions & Speeches of that Society's one meeting, while ignoring the American Soc. seems to demand such a proclamation of its own achievements by the latter. And in this form we shall be able to bring it under the notice of more people than we could if presented in any other. Instead of all these suggestions I might have referred you to the closing portion of your own report for 1848 which is only susceptible of improvement by extension; but as Mr Grant has recently given publicity to that notice & as we still use it on every opening, you will probably be disposed to put the substance in a somewhat different form. The "Declaration of Sentiment" adopted at the formation of the Society elicited so much enthusiasm & so many longings to have it in print, that it occurred to me to ask if it could be squeezed into some of the miscellaneous department on the 4th page. Pray disregard every one of these suggestions as unconcernedly as I make them

if you have any other designs, I have only just mentioned what would tell in case you may be in want of materials.

My Father has just found out that he cannot get his letter ready to go with this, so I must either send it off without or inclose this last sheet of business in his communication to Mr Ray, reserve the former part which is so stupid that it cannot suffer by keeping, & most of it is I believe a feeble echo of what my Father has been expressing in the latter. There is no time to sympathise with you on your present labors, or the anxiety you must have felt for our dear friends in Paris, the relief you now experience at hearing things are quiet again there. We are much with you & with them in spirit, & have just now many others to be anxious for who are connected with us, some in Paris & others in various states of perplexity & difficulty who take up any extra loving thoughts. Dont trouble to write to us till all your Bazaar duties are ended. We always rely on your caring for us without needing the expression of feeling, & we shall learn in other ways of your success this year.

If it should happen that any stray copies of the Liberators of August 1st & September 8th or of the Standards of Aug. 7th & Sept. 26, containing Mr Garrison's answers to Mr Grant could be sent us with the Bazaar Gazettes we should be very grateful, & also for the November ones with Mr Linneys comments on Scoble. I think I have asked before if any copies of Mrs Chapman's 4 Nos of Right & Wrong in Boston are still extant, or the 1st Report of the

Mass. A. S. Society on the "Bible Argument" against Slavery. These are words that we are so often obliged to produce that a duplicate would be very acceptable to any of them.

A paper containing an amusing report of an Anti-slavery Meeting lately held here is I believe sent you by this mail. This Journal being an organ of the high Church party views the whole proceeding with supreme contempt, but gives a graphic account as far as it goes - a far less partial one than the Mercury which we have also sent to Boston. Mr Davis, a chief actor was a pet of Miss Weston's but his too Mr Kirby was Mr Chapman's special favorite.

In haste, with love to your sisters & fond remembrance to all your fellow-laborers at the Fair ever believe me dear Annie Your very affect Mary Estlin.

Miss Estlin
Dec. 12. 1851

Miss A. Dr. Weston.

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